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Man admits house trespass, outraging woman's modesty

KUCHING: A man was sentenced to 14 months in prison and two strokes of the cane by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday after pleading guilty to house trespass and molesting a female occupant.

Andrian Beckham Florence pleaded guilty before Magistrate Nureina Syafika Mohd Najib after the two charges were read out to him.

For the first charge under Section 448 of the Penal Code for house trespass, Nureina sentenced him to five-month imprisonment, effective Nov 6.

For the second charge under Section 354 of the Penal Code for using criminal force on a person with intent to outrage her modesty, Andrian was sentenced to 14-month imprisonment and two strokes of the cane.

Nureina ordered for both sentences to run concurrently.

Based on the facts of the case, Andrian had entered the home of a 31-year-old woman at RPR Batu Kawa here at 2.19pm on Oct 30 this year.

After entering the house, Andrian went into a room and touched the victim's buttocks without her consent.

The victim, who was sleeping face down at the time, woke up and screamed for help from her family members.

This prompted Andrian to leave the room and attempt to flee through the kitchen door, but he was unable to do so as it was locked.

He subsequently managed to escape through the front door of the house.

Fearing for her safety and that of her family, the victim lodged a police report, which led to Andrian's arrest.

The prosecution was handled by Deputy Public Prosecutor Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan, while Andrian was unrepresented by any counsel.